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BUILDING TRADES CONFEREES—Left to right, Secretary-Treasurer Joseph Keenan of AFL Building Trades Department, John Berni, New Orleans, elected president of Southeastern Building Trades Conference; AFL Building Trades Department Secretary Richard J. Gray, and Edward Collier, Atlanta, elected conference secretary, take a breather during two-day shirt sleeve clinic on strengthening department's work.

To Bleed Workers of Every Penny; Raise Prices, Profits

(AFL Release)

WASHINGTON.—The House of Representatives (God save the mark!) voted to hike prices and guarantee profits but to keep a tight freeze on wages as it neared final passage of a feeble Defense Production Act.

The money-changers in control

of the Congress wrote into the bill amendments sponsored by Dixiecrat W. R. Poage of Texas and Reactionary Republican Albert Cole of Kansas which Price Administrator Michael V. DiSalle said will bleed consumers of billions of dollars in higher prices.

The only important point carried by President Truman's leaders in the House was the defeat of the Dixiecrat Wingate Lucas amendment which would have wrecked the Wage Stabilization Board.

But the wrecking of price and rent controls, on which wage stabilization is predicated, may have already wrecked the board anyway.

There seemed virtually no hope that the House would pass a measure which could be used as a basis for strengthening the even weaker bill enacted by the Senate last month.

Across the Capitol, the Senate received a report from its preparedness subcommittee that many landlords around military installations, charged gouging rents for unfit hovels, making them guilty of "cruel indignity, irresponsible greed and casual disdain for the self-respect of our men in uniform."

Mr. DiSalle called the Poage amendment a "cost-plus, guaranteed profit device which is the most damaging blow to price controls so far approved by either branch of Congress." He said under it no stability can be achieved, bread prices will be forced up one-half cent a

loaf, and his office will be forced to grant increases assuring profits larger than ever earned by industry.

Poage's amendment requires that any ceiling price on agriculture or processed article must include the cost of materials, allowance for all processing and other reasonable indirect costs, and a reasonable profit not less than 85 per cent of the average for the three best years during 1946-49.

Originally Poage's amendment applied only to agriculture but Cole added all manufactured or processed goods. Reactionary Republican Charles A. Halleck obtained passage of an amendment for the producer to pass on all state or local taxes to consumers. Dixiecrat Thomas G. Abernathy put through an amendment killing Administration efforts to fix parity for price control purposes at the beginning of each marketing season.

The united front presented by organized labor against revision of the Wage Stabilization Board was credited with killing off the Lucas proposal to strip the board of its disputes authority and make it an all-public panel.

CONINE SEATED BARBER PREXY

Louis Conine, formerly vice-president of Salinas Barbers Union 827, has been installed as president of the union to fill a vacancy created by resignation of Homer Coley recently.

Elected as vice-president to take Conine's former post was Virgil Hill.

Financial secretary-treasurer of Local 827 was to leave last weekend on an extended vacation trip back to Kansas City and other points east. He said he would return in time to attend the next union meeting, August 21.

Mont. Painters Get Wage Boost

Wage increase of 10 per cent has been won by Monterey Painters Union 272, effective August 1, according to Fred E. Ask, new business agent of the union. Ask said negotiations for the increase were conducted with great cooperation from employers.

Former Business Agent James L. Bolin of Local 272 is in Arizona now on his lengthy vacation, friends report. Bolin said when he declined to seek re-election that he planned to spend several months traveling and had no other plans for the future.

Sewer Line Starts

Construction of a new sewer line to serve the Del Monte Grove tract was due to be started this week by Stolte Construction Co., according to S. M. Thomas, business agent of Laborers Union 890, who said union laborers have been called for the project.

To Attend Parleys

Ray Hopper, new president of Salinas Plumbers 503, and E. R. Arbuckle, business agent of this union, will represent Local 503 at the Northern California Council of Plumbers and Steamfitters in Reno, Nev., April 11-12, and at the international convention of the craft, at Kansas City, September 10.

LABOR JOINS NEW PROTESTS ON SALES TAX

Organized labor in the Monterey-Carmel-Pacific Grove area has joined with merchants, business, civic groups and others in opposition to a proposed retail sales tax on the Monterey Peninsula.

A new committee of opposition groups has named Royal E. Hallmark, secretary of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483, as secretary and has issued the following statement: "The local Civic Committee representing the A. F. of L. Labor Unions of the Peninsula, business men, merchants and civic organi-

zations asks your support in defeating the unnecessary, unsound and inequitable proposed local sales tax in Monterey, Pacific Grove and Carmel for the following reasons:

"1. These deficit budgets have been set up and the time allowed to pass when the budgets might have been taken care of by increasing slightly the percentage of the tax levy. We oppose these deficit budgets as a legitimate reason to impose this nuisance sales tax.

"2. It will result in a cut in the wages and incomes of local residents, and an increase in the cost of living particularly to those in the lower income brackets.

"3. It will harm the local merchant by driving business to Salinas and nearby unincorporated areas.

"4. This proposed sales tax is a step in the wrong direction. The state now collects a heavy sales tax but does not tax property. The cities should leave the sales tax to the state and depend upon rigid curtailment of luxury services, to trim the fat out of their budgets and to depend upon local property taxes.

"5. It will discriminate against

the tourist industry. The tourist is one of the three major contributions to the stability of our local economy and a penalty nuisance tax imposed on tourists is harmful, but is a deeper injury to the local residents dependent on the prosperity of this industry.

"Citizens, oppose this tax by contacting your local elected officials. Pledge your support to your local merchants, the majority of whom are opposed to this nuisance tax."

PLUMBERS WIN WAGE INCREASE, TALK WELFARE

A wage increase of 12½ cents per hour, representing a 5 per cent increase, has been won by union plumbers of unions in Santa Cruz, Monterey and Salinas, along with a boost in travel allowance.

Business Manager E. R. Arbuckle of Salinas Local 503 said that a meeting was scheduled for last Saturday for a special committee of five union members and five employers to work out details of a welfare plan which will be put in effect shortly.

Arbuckle, member of the welfare plan committee, was also instrumental in the negotiations for the new contract, which was negotiated with the Piping and Heating Contractors and the Associated Mechanical Contractors of California.

The contract was negotiated for ten unions, including the three in this area, Arbuckle said. Contract negotiations for all of Northern California, formerly conducted by the Northern California Council of Plumbers & Steamfitters, was abandoned this year, he added.

Retail Clerks Await Arbitration Decision

Arbitration decision in regard to the case of Retail Clerks Union 329 is being awaited by the union now, Secretary Garold F. Miller reports. All facts in the efforts of the union to gain a 40-hour week and a wage increase have been presented in the arbitration case.

Apprenticeship Training Offered Despite Vet Law

Young men interested in learning a skilled trade are reminded that apprenticeship training programs still are available, despite the changes in laws which have cut out the G. I. allotments.

Non-servicemen are especially wanted for training and persons interested should contact the nearest union representing the craft of their choice, according to Earle H. Meyer, Monterey County representative for the state apprenticeship program.

Meyer, talking to union officials, said that the apprentice program is not to be halted or limited in any way, despite curtailment of the veteran financial assistance. Many opportunities for training still are offered.

Merged Unions To Vote Monday On New By-Laws

Committees of Bartenders Union 545 and Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas, unions which will merge by October 1, have completed draft of a new set of by-laws for the combined unions and vote of ratification will be taken by both unions next Monday afternoon.

Bartenders will meet at 1 p.m. and the Culinary Alliance at 2:30 p.m., both meetings in the Salinas Labor Temple.

Secretaries Bertha A. Boles, of Local 467, and Alfred J. Clark, of Local 545, said that the by-laws

as completed by the committee appeared to be acceptable and both said they expected ratification.

Secretary Boles and Secretary Clark announced jointly that a special meeting will be held during the first week of September for all members of both unions for the purpose of accepting nominations for officers of the combined union.

There will be two sessions of the nomination meeting, one in the afternoon and one at night, on the same day, so that all members will be able to attend and take part in

nominations.

The election of officers to guide the combined union will be held one week after nominations, but it has been agreed that nominations and election would be completed before September 14.

International Representative C. T. McDonough of the unions will be in Salinas to supervise the nominations and election.

The merger is expected to be completed and the combined union in operation by October 1, it was reported.

Salinas Parade For Labor Day Studied by CLC

Suggestions and proposals that there be a Labor Day parade in Salinas this year were considered by the Central Labor Council of Monterey County this week, according to Secretary Alfred J. Clark.

It was reported that business interests had expressed some hope that a parade might be held, Clark said. The entire matter was referred to the council's Christmas Party Committee for recommendation.

The council also discussed plans for some testimonial for J. B. McGinley, former council official and veteran representative of unions here who now is personnel manager for Stone & Webster Corp. at Moss Landing.

A committee of Robert Shinn, Randolph Fenchel and Secretary Clark was requested to consider possibilities for such a testimonial and report.

The meeting was conducted by Fred Clayton, vice president, who introduced as a guest speaker Arthur Scatini, of the telephone operators, who explained the current strike.

Roofers Union 50 informed the council of plans for a barbecue this summer, date not set.

It was announced again that minutes of the council cannot be sent to unions until they are approved at the following meeting because sometimes corrections or changes are made.

Harvey Siler, Carpenters Union No. 925, Dies

Death on July 20 claimed Harvey Siler, member of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, who had been ill for some time and was in a hospital at Los Gatos. He was 60, member of Local 925 since 1945.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Estella Siler; a son, H. J. Siler, who also is a member of Local 925, and three grandchildren, the union reported. Funeral was held July 23 in Watsonville.

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BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., Lewis Conine, 36 W. Alisal, phone 5591; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec., Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec. Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. Phone 4633.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove, Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Monterey office, 345 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Geo. Johnson, 349 Cayuga St.; Rec. Sec., Bob Johnson, 217 Decker Dr.; Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Court, right, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose, ph. CYpress 5-3849. **Hollister - Gilroy Branch**—Pres., Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister; Rec. Sec., Harold Johnson, Rt. 2, Box 139, Hollister, ph. 43F5. Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose phone CYpress 8-0252.

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CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Harvey Baldwin, ph. Salinas 9293; V. Pres., Geo. Colby, ph. Santa Cruz 6095; Sec.-Treas., Leo Thingen, ph. Monterey 5-6726; office, 462A Main St., Watsonville, ph. 4-9403.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County)—Salinas—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood, Sec.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:00 p.m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertha Boles. Office, Glickburg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 6209.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday, Wm. Nuelle, 1027 Del Monte St., phone 2-3590. Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, 915 W. Laurel Dr., phone 2-3273; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christensen, Rm. 483, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNDERhill 1-1135.

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JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467—Meets 2nd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m., Labor Temple. Pres., Bertha A. Boles, phone 6209; Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Forrester Hall. Pres., R. Fenchel, 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6939. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., Wray D. Empe, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 513, Watsonville, ph. 4-8262; Sec. & B. A., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson, Salinas, ph. 2-2906.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 255—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59-1st Ave., Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco. Phone MA 1-3396. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6292.

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PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 7:30 p.m. (Ex. Board meets every Tuesday, 7 p.m.) Pres., Ray Hopper; Fin. Sec. and B.A., E. R. Arbuckle, office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., L. J. Mullins, 114 Kenneth St., ph. 4404; Sec., Richard LaFayette, 300 River Rd., ph. 9973.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'n. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard, 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 6624; Sec. and B.A., Garold F. Miller, 206 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office, 6 W. Gabilan St., Rm. 1, phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Geo. Sekols, 701 Ocean View, Pacific Grove; Sec. and B.A., Fred O. Davis, 240 Plateau Ave., S. Cruz, phone 4330-R.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Castroville and Watsonville. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, Pacific Grove, phone Monterey 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec. Ray Ofter, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

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FEDERAL POWER COM. VOTES FOR BIG BIZ. AGAINST PUBLIC

Washington (LPA).—By deciding it didn't have jurisdiction over rates charged by producers and gatherers of natural gas, the Federal Power Commission has struck another blow for Big Business and against the public. The vote was 4 to 1, with President Truman's crony Mon. C. Wallgren voting with the majority. The ruling was in the long-delayed Phillips Petroleum case. Although Wisconsin officials plan to appeal the ruling it will take years before a final decision. Meanwhile: high prices.

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"You may recall that last December the President asked the businessmen of this country to voluntarily restrain from price increases so as to make mandatory controls unnecessary," Rep. Clinton McKinnon (D., Cal.) said in the House June 29.

"You know what happened . . . A lot of good American businessmen did hold the line . . . Unfortunately . . . a number of American businessmen . . . took advantage of the situation . . .

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MILITARY HOUSING SCANDAL—The "bottle house," above, is only one of many such "deplorable" hovels revealed by a Senate Armed Services Preparedness Subcommittee report on sub-standard housing and rent gouging of military personnel. This particular "house," built of liquor bottles and oil cans stuck together with mortar, is rented for \$25 a month to a Camp Breckinridge (Ky.) corporal and his family of three. (LPA).

11 Senators Vote To Kill Controls

Eleven Republican Senators voted against all price controls June 29. They weren't content with weakening the law—they wanted to kill it altogether and give the profiteers and the price-gougers free reins to pick your pocketbook.

Here are their names:
Wallace Bennett (Utah), Hugh Butler (Nebr.), Everett Dirksen (Ill.), Zales Ecton (Mont.), Wil-

liam Jenner (Ind.), William Knowland (Calif.), George Malone (Nev.), Herman Welker (Idaho), Kenneth Wherry (Nebr.), John Williams (Del.) and Milton Young (N. Dak.). (Ecton did not vote, but announced he was against all controls.)

Six of these are up for reelection next year: Butler, Ecton, Jenner, Knowland, Malone and Williams.

Need for Controls: Prices Advance to All-Time Records

The dollar you spent for food, clothing and rent in 1939 will get you only 15 cents worth today.

You need \$2.27 to buy at the super market today what a dollar bought in 1939.

The same dollar you used to buy groceries in June, 1950, will get you only 88 cents in food today.

Since January 1950, a dollar in your pocket has shrunk to 89 cents.

All of which means the cost of living is at its highest level ever. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), reported June 27 its latest figures, as of May 15, show prices have gone up 85 per cent over the 1935-39 average figures. Food prices alone have increased 127 per cent.

From January, 1950 to last May 15, prices increased 11 per cent. From May 1950 to May 1951, food

prices shot up 14 per cent. These figures also show why strong price controls are needed. Remember, prices were "frozen" January 25. Yet four months later prices were still going up, up, up.

Taft-Hartley Hurts New England Area

Boston.—The Taft-Hartley Act has had the effect of freezing New England and the south in the comparative unionization positions which they had reached prior to its passage.

That is the conclusion of a distinguished committee of private citizens, including a representative of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank, in a report, "The New England Economy," made for President Truman's Council of Economic Advisers.

This means that because Taft-Hartley has blocked the advance of unionism in the south, with its higher wage and working standards, New England continues at the competitive disadvantage it has experienced for so long. The committee said:

"The changes favorable to employers in the act, such as the so-called 'free speech amendment' and the encouragement the act gave to anti-union employers, have retarded the growth of trade unionism in the south."

"Since the south was already less unionized, the Taft-Hartley Act helped to maintain the region's competitive advantage. It affected adversely the labor cost position of New England manufacturers in their competition with the south by retarding the equalization of labor conditions."

Dividend Checks Vs. Draft Notices

"This is not the time to give priority to the fat dividend check over the draft notices..."

So said Jack Shelley (D., Cal.) June 29 while the House was debating a new controls bill.

"A wild inflation," Shelley said in arguing for a strong price control bill, "can be more devastating to our chances of survival than an atomic bomb attack unless we provide ourselves with the defenses necessary to stop its spread."

"Prices of many individual commodities... sky-rocketed alarmingly in response to rigging of the markets by unscrupulous profiteers."

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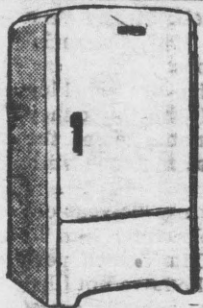
Remember, a garment which is cleaned frequently, outwears one that isn't by a wide margin. And it looks better and you feel "sharper" too.

Besides, spots don't get half the chance to stain your clothes permanently... moths finally give up in disgust and change residence (to somebody else's closet)... and you wind up saving money.

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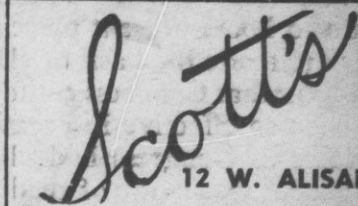
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EDITORIALS

Congress Boosting Inflation

Congress is reported to have completed all the legislation it is going to enact for this session. That means this Congress has not even made an attempt to control prices. Instead Congress has aggravated the present serious wave of inflation by enacting legislation that nullifies most of the efforts made by the price stabilization board to institute some control of a few prices. Much worse than this Congress has adopted laws which can only operate to boost present prices without any limit, since profits are made the basis of all price regulation.

Nothing that Congress could have done could possibly have been so effective in creating further inflation than such laws as Congress had all ready to pass when announcement was made of readiness to adjourn as soon as this last tragedy was ready to become law. This law completely ties the hands of the stabilization board to control prices in such a way that profits must be first allowed on present day abnormally high prices. This means that all prices must be further advanced if the stabilization board attempts to fix them, since Congress has enacted a law which prevents any rollbacks or reductions till profits have first been added to all the high costs of today. Hence this Congress instead of doing anything to help control prices has simply lifted the lid to let the profiteers gouge what traffic will bear.

Has Failed to Regulate

It is painfully plain that not only has Congress completely failed in its duty to regulate the value of our money, now in circulation among the people of the United States, but our national lawmakers have greatly aggravated an already bad situation by enacting legislation that cannot fail to further reduce the buying power of the money of our country by stimulating inevitable further price increases.

Under our constitution Congress is the established authority, which has been given the power to issue all money and fix the value thereof. Instead of even attempting to stabilize our American money, so as to prevent it from being cheapened still further, after it has been inflated during the last twelve years, until a dollar today is worth less than fifty cents were worth in 1939, our Congress has done nothing else during the present session than to enact legislation that cannot possibly have any other effect than to still further cheapen our money. It is a very simple matter to measure the value of money. Its sole and only value is the amount of anything that a dollar will buy. When prices go up value of money goes down in just that proportion. Congress has failed to regulate. It has not even tried to do it.

Our Present Congress

We have had bad Congresses before but when did we ever have a Congress, which has been as hopelessly worthless as the present Congress has proved itself to be up to the present time? It has voted away billions of the money that the American people are earning and has failed completely to do the sworn duty of its members to maintain the value of that money. That is one of the most important powers that our constitution grants only to Congress. Nobody else but Congress can be blamed for failing to regulate the value of our American money. In the performance of this fundamental duty, which it alone has the legal power to enact into workable and effective law, our present Congress has been an absolute and total failure. This Congress has permitted wage increases to be limited to ten per cent but has placed no limit on price increases.

No previous Congress has been as bad as this one in neglecting its duty to stabilize the value of our money. Its sole consideration seems to have been to help the profiteers and the tax gougers to get all the money the American people are earning, as fast as they earn it. To facilitate this game of grab and gain at the expense of the great masses of the American people seems to have been the chief concern of the present Congress. Instead of stopping inflation this Congress has made more inflation. Instead of helping the masses of our citizens this Congress has helped to fleece most of us of all our earnings.

If you voted for any of our present officials who are proving themselves unfaithful to the American people resolve now to do something about it at the next election.

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● Surprise for Big Business . . .

A University of Michigan survey reveals what the American public thinks about Big Business. 71% think Big Business is overcharging for its products; 62% think that government should have more control over Big Business. Other complaints are that Big Business is guilty of too much price fixing and monopolistic activities. The survey must have been an unpleasant shock to its backers—it was financed by General Motors!

● Rain Making and the Big Flood . . .

The U. S. Weather Bureau records show that rain makers have been operating on three sides of the Kansas flood area—in northern Texas, northeastern New Mexico and in southeastern Colorado. Just how much effect, if any, did their rain making have on Kansas? Did their tampering with nature misfire? It might be a good idea if rain makers were licensed through the Weather Bureau so that their activities could be supervised.

● The Aged Need Protection . . .

Old folks in Ottumwa, Iowa; Burlington, Vt., and Chicago have written to tell me how they have been hurt by rising prices. These old people are finding their savings vanishing at an alarming rate. From coast to coast, millions are in the same tragic plight, simply because politicians in Congress are placing profits before people.

● New Dailies on the Way . . .

Nine new daily newspapers are appearing within the next few months sponsored by the International Typographical Union. They will be published in Allentown, Pa.; Monroe, La.; Texarkana, Ark.; Springfield, Mo.; Meriden, Conn.; Loraine, Ohio, and Huntington, Beckley and Charleston, W. Va. They are being started to provide competition where newspaper monopolies exist.

● Housewives Go on Warpath . . .

A group of Portland, Ore., housewives stood in front of some downtown supermarkets carrying signs saying, "Today's best buy—penny post card to your Congressman for price controls and rollbacks." One housewife said, "We were almost swept off our feet by the eager response." Another lady said, "Don't tell me the public is apathetic about prices. I guess nobody ever tested public sentiment this way before."

JOKES, Etc.

Overheard: "You gotta shape like a sack—stuffed with wet paper, Thelma, so fold up."

Motorist: A person who, after seeing a wreck, drives carefully for three blocks.

The choir was learning a new hymn. "Now don't forget," said the choir master, "wait until the tenors reach 'the gates of Hell,' then you all come in."

Wife: "How helpless you men are! What would you do if there were no women to sew on your buttons for you?"

Husband: "Has it occurred to you, my dear, that if there were no women we men would need no buttons?"

Overheard in an unemployment insurance office where a superannuated worker had just reported in order to qualify for his last check: "We humans is sure a drug on the market."

If we had an American version of Bernard Shaw in this country he could do a comedy in which a Daughter of the American Revolution has to get around the fact that the Founding Fathers were really revolutionists.

Groucho Marx on the A-bomb: "It's dynamite."

Patient: "Doctor, are you sure this is pneumonia? Sometimes doctors prescribe for pneumonia and the patient dies of something else." Doctor, with dignity: "When I prescribe for pneumonia, you die of pneumonia."

Girl (at baseball game): "Isn't that pitcher marvelous? He hits their bats no matter where they hold them."

Lincoln Steffens: "Not the politician, not the bribe-taker, but the bribe-giver, the man we are so proud of, our successful businessman—he is the source and sustenance of bad government."

"Is he stingy?"
"I'll say. Instead of renting a

beach umbrella he just sits by the surf and tells me shady stories."

Jimmy: "Hey, Tommy, aren't you coming out to play?"

Tommy: "No, I have to stay in and help my father with my homework."

Customer: "Three of those apples you sent me were rotten. I'll bring them back."

Merchant: "That's all right, you needn't bring them back. Your word is just as good as the apples."

If the way to a man's heart is through his stomach, the entering wedge is apple pie."

Sign in a hash-house: "In God We Trust. All Others Pay Cash."

Some eating places and night clubs in New York are so snooty, they put men at the doors to screen hoi polloi. If you're spotted as one of the Great Unwanted, the inspector stops you to ask: "Do you have a reservation?" The favorite response is: "No, do I look like an Indian?" That doesn't get you in, but you feel better while heading for the street.

I rose and gave her the seat, I could not let her stand. She made me think of my mother, With the strap there in her hand.

Two old ladies were discussing ailments. First Old Lady: So your trouble is constipation? What do you take? Second Old Lady: Just my knitting.

Union Hot Seat

In Joliet, Ill., the AFL found new justification for the sit-down technique when Norman Bell, an electrician, happened to be sitting on the ground when his left foot touched a power line carrying 6900 volts. AFL leaders got the explanation later that the current passed through Bell's leg, but was grounded out when it reached his posterior, thereby missing his heart.

Quit the union, if you're rich.



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You do not have to be wholly or permanently "retired" to get retirement payments under the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance system.

Actually the new social security law makes it possible for insured people 65 and over to collect retirement benefits while still earning up to \$50 per month on covered jobs. The old limit of \$14.99 was changed on last September 1. Even the \$50 limit does not apply to earnings from work not covered by social security. Neither does it apply to people age 75 or over.

The law is simply that a person between 65 and 75 years of age cannot collect benefits for any month in which he earns more than \$50 from work covered by social security. No amount of earnings or income from other sources will affect his right to benefits. Insured people age 75 or over can collect even though working full time on jobs covered by social security, or for that matter, any job.

Another point is that anyone now age 65 or over very likely is insured if he has worked as much as a year and a half, at any time back to January, 1937, on social security-covered jobs.

Any persons who are working only part time and who think they are eligible for benefits under the new law should get in touch with his local office.

If you know of any 65-year-old who may be eligible, refer him to your local office. Many such persons are eligible who have not filed and they are losing benefits every month.

Too Much Pressure

Lobbyists wrote the weak price controls bill passed by the Senate June 29. The New York Times reported July 1:

"Lobbyists for various business groups and farmers were applying strong pressures against controls."

"A dozen real estate, beef and textile lobbyists sat in the Senate reception room through the long night sessions to confer with Senators."

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GOOD DEED AUXILIARY—The Ladies Auxiliary of Los Angeles Local 58, AFL Stereotypers, presented a wheel chair to Duane Herring, paralyzed from the waist down by polio. Standing behind the chair are Mrs. Helen Ledford and Mrs. Peggy Amador, auxiliary, and beside Herring is his wife. This is the second wheel chair provided by the auxiliary. (LPA)

BIG BUSINESS MAKES REDS, GREEN TELLS CLERK CONVENTION

Washington (LPA).—While American labor constantly wages a determined fight against Communism, big business creates Communists through arousing discontent, AFL President William Green told the 21st convention of the Retail Clerks International Association which opened here July 16.

"The authors of the Taft-Hartley law," he said, "make more reds in a day than a Communist on a soapbox can in a year. The act robs workers of their freedom, and this they justifiably resent. Powerful interests who should be the first to support the AFL as the champion of free enterprise instead are driving workers to the left."

ISSUES CHALLENGE

Assailing Congress for ignoring every recommendation of President Truman for strengthening the Defense Production Act and instead weakening the present inadequate program, Green warned: "Unless proper price controls are enacted, labor can no longer accept wage controls."

Green also said the AFL could not work with the Wage Stabilization Board if the setup is changed from its present equal representation by labor, industry and public to give public members predominance. "No changes are needed in the WSB," he said, "and we must concentrate our efforts to defeat moves to alter its effectiveness."

Green labeled the controls bill passed by the Senate "an insult to labor" and said: "If Congress does not strengthen anti-inflation measures it will be a declaration that the principal burdens of defense are to be placed upon the workers."

HAILS CLERK GROWTH

He hailed the RCIA, which has a membership of almost a quarter million, and said its potential growth should make it one of the biggest and strongest organizations in the AFL. In the four years since the last convention the union has grown by 20 per cent and now has locals "from Araciba, Puerto Rico, to Anchorage, Alaska, and from San Diego, California, to St. Johns, Newfoundland, in Canada." Harry Cohen, president of the Maryland-District of Columbia

Federation of Labor, warned delegates against the operation of regional manpower commissions which could follow World War II procedures in moving employees from retail establishments into defense industries.

Joseph Keenan, director of Laborers' League for Political Education, stressed the need for effective action at the next election to get a Congress which would follow the wishes of labor and consumers. John Baer, of the AFL Union Label Trades Department, spoke on the necessity of aiding the public to purchase union-made goods.

Edward Arnold, film star and member of the Screen Actors' Guild's executive board, who appears in the union's motion picture, "A Watch for Joe," was introduced by President Vernon A. Housewright.

Sweden has the highest life expectancy in the world. India has the lowest.

Worse Prices Yet to Come!

"The next round of inflation we could expect would send coffee prices not to \$1 but to \$1.25. It would send bacon not to 70 cents or so but to 90 or 95."

"It would give us the 20- and 25-cent loaf of bread, the 30-cent quart of milk. And the \$35 rent would be \$70. . . ."

"Is that the wish of Congress?"—Rep. Hugh Addison (D.) of Newark in House speech July 5.

No Price Control Hurts Old Folks

No group of people in the country will be hit harder by weak price controls than elderly persons in retirement.

The man who lives on a social security pension can't buy as much food when prices of bread, meat and coffee go up.

The widow who gets a monthly check from her husband's insurance company can't buy the coats and shoes her children need when clothing prices go up.

The retired white-collar worker who built up an annuity during his working days will have to dig deeper—and maybe borrow money—to pay his rent when rent controls are relaxed.

These people—past working age—will get the blow of their lives, as far as their pocketbooks are concerned, if Congress does not pass an effective price control law by August 1.—(LLPE)

State Chamber Knives Workers

(State Fed. Release)

California's racial minority groups, its totally and permanently disabled, its hungry, shack-dwelling farm workers, and its workers in general were all victims of the influence of the California State Chamber of Commerce during the 1951 general session of the State Legislature—if the official chamber magazine can be trusted.

The July issue of "California—Magazine of the Pacific," recounts the chamber victories in terms of satisfaction and comfort.

A roll call of principal chamber boasts follows:

- (1) It knifed FEPC legislation, including that introduced by Governor Warren.
- (2) It knifed legislation proposing unemployment insurance for agricultural workers.
- (3) It knifed Governor Warren's measure to provide aid to the totally and permanently disabled as allowed under the federal social security law.
- (4) It knifed the workers' right to secure time-off from employment to vote, through a chamber-backed bill. This victory was later nullified by Governor Warren's veto.

And because of all this, and similar exploits (including unemployment insurance raids), the chamber "could proudly point to an exceptional record of achievement." The victims should be edified.

Labor Press Listed By State Federation

(State Fed. Release)

The July issue of the AFL California press directory was this week mailed to all central labor councils and AFL publications in the state by C. J. Haggerty, executive head of the California State Federation of Labor. The directory is released twice annually.

Both central council and local union publications are listed by cities, with the following pertinent data: Editor's name and address, frequency of issue, official sponsorship, and number of pages.

A limited number of copies are now available to interested unions. Requests should be directed to C. J. Haggerty at the State Federation headquarters, 995 Market street, Room 810, San Francisco 3.

More than 35 unions in the United States have memberships of over 100,000.

There are over 200 national unions in the United States, and more than 70,000 local unions.

IBEW Journal Tells Need for Labor To Give Friends Political Support

"The thing to remember, brothers, is that labor is in this political game to stay," says an editorial in the Electrical Workers' Journal.

Writing in the July publication of the AFL International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Scott Milne, IBEW international secretary states:

"Never again are we going to sink back and allow the rights and privileges we have garnered so slowly and so laboriously and at so great a cost through the years to be wrested from us—without a terrific fight, at least."

"Remember, we can't possibly win a fight unless we're in it . . . We have many friends in Congress who are willing and able to help

us. We have to show them that we care enough about crucial issues and the outcome to give them our support."

"We have enemies in Congress who are just waiting to see if we are going to give up before they crack down with legislation even more reactionary and harmful than Taft-Hartley . . ."

"Let's begin now, brothers, to get people registered, to get people vote-conscious . . ."

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A MAN OF THE PEOPLE

Blair Moody has hit the U. S. Senate like a fresh breeze.

The Michigan Democrat has been a senator only a few months. But in that time he has fought hard and effectively in the interests of the worker, the consumer, the small businessman, the farmer.

An unwritten rule of the Senate is for a freshman member to keep quiet and do as he is told. But Moody has argued at every opportunity on the Senate floor for equality of sacrifice in the defense effort. He has battled the Tafts and the Brickers and the Cains on behalf of the small-income family.

Moody is a brilliant Washington newspaperman. He is not afraid to take on the "big names" when they rise in the Senate to plead for the real estate and manufacturers' lobbies.

He has been on the floor more than most senators during the debates over the critical price control bill. And in his quiet, courteous manner he has punctured reactionary arguments against price controls so full of holes they look like Swiss cheese instead of baloney.

For instance, on June 26 he told the Senate, "If we want to burn out our economy from within, if we want to subject the consuming public to higher prices, and if we want to risk the very sort of deterioration of our capitalistic system on which the Communists are counting and which Karl Marx said would happen, then we should take off the controls and spend \$50 billion a year on military production and see what happens to prices and our economy."

On the subject of businessmen who have gotten rich since the Korean war began, Moody says, "They profited at the public's expense at a moment when American men were dying on the battlefield to establish the principle that aggression does not pay and an aggressor cannot get away with it."

"Is Congress now to say: 'You... who thought it was 'the American system' to soak the consuming public... are now to have your gouging prices condoned and frozen into the economic structure by law?'" (LLPE).

RESOLUTIONS FOR FED. CONVENTION

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, this week reminded all affiliated unions to observe the constitutional provision relating to submission of resolutions for convention action.

As announced in the official convention call issued May 25, 1951, the deadline for receipt of resolutions by the secretary-treasurer of the State Federation is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15, just five days prior to the opening of the convention.

Statewide conferences of organizations meeting immediately prior to the convention are urged to file their resolutions by 6 p.m., Sunday, August 19, with the secretary-treasurer's convention office in the U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego.

The constitution permits such resolutions to be filed up to 12 noon of the first day of the convention. However, the printing of such resolutions would be greatly facilitated by observance of the Sunday evening filing time.

Resolutions from either local units or statewide conferences must be filed in triplicate.

The 1951 convention will be called to order by President Thomas L. Pitts sharply at 10 a. m., Monday, August 20, in Conference Hall, Balboa Park, San Diego.

UNIONIST HONORED

Bridgeport, Conn. (LPA).—Joseph Bourke, State Federation of Labor secretary-treasurer, and Walter G. O'Donnell, AFL teachers, have been appointed to the panel on transportation and communications of the Committee of New England.



BLIND AFL BAKER CARRIES ON—Minonk, Ill.—Orlyen Lutyen, center, blind member AFL Bakery and Confectionery Workers, with Mrs. Lutyen, serves Emil Arndt, official Illinois Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, in bakery shop equipped by state. Town citizens raised money for a home for Lutyen, who went blind six years ago through gradual atrophy of the optic nerve. His specialty is doughnuts and coffee cakes.

MOST UNION MEMBERS JOIN BECAUSE THEY WANT UNIONS

Chicago.—The majority of union members joined because of their convictions that they want and need the union.

That is the first finding by a research report of the Industrial Relations Center of the University of Chicago. The report is based on extensive interviewing of the leadership, active members and inactive members of a large local of steelworkers in the Chicago area.

The great majority of union members were found to have joined the union with some degree of conviction, due to family background, earlier work or union experience, or experiences within the plant.

Others joined, either without conviction or despite their opposition to unionism, as a result of the informal pressure of their fellow workers within the plant.

Still others joined only when a dues inspection line barred entrance to the mill, though many of these were entirely sympathetic to unionism. Their reasons for joining the union are found in the everyday conditions under which they work and live.

Some of those who joined without conviction later became active members, even leaders, of the union; others, however, remained opposed to unionism after years of membership. Their degree of interest in and identification with the union depended on their experiences as union members rather than on their views at the time of joining.

The research work on which the report is based was conducted by Joel Seidman, Jack London, and Bernard Karsh of the Industrial Relations Center staff. An article by them on "Why Workers Join Unions," appeared in the March issue of the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. A Carnegie Corporation grant will enable them to continue their study of this and other aspects of unionism at the local level over the next three years.

Congressman and Newspaper Urge Strong Wage Stabilization Board

REP. JACK SHELLEY

Rep. Jack Shelley (D.) of San Francisco says the Wage Stabilization Board (WSB), should be strengthened.

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), want to make WSB so weak it won't be able to settle labor-management disputes.

"From my long experience, I know that the matter of wages and other issues are inextricably intertwined in the give and take over the collective bargaining table," Shelley, long active in the California labor movement, told the House on June 29.

"I... recommend that the Wage Stabilization Board be given specific authority... to consider such side issues and to make decisions thereon during the period of emergency."

THE WASHINGTON POST

The Washington Post, which follows a conservative economic line on economic questions, warns against wrecking the Wage Stabilization Board (WSB).

"Industrial peace would be jeopardized and strikes would multiply if the WSB machinery for peaceful settlement of disputes over non-wage issues were put out of commission," says an editorial in the July 1 Post. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), want to do just that.

"The sponsors of the proposed changes (in WSB) are... playing with fire in trying to abandon a wage control program that, by insuring labor's support, will encourage peaceful settlement of wage disputes..."

Worker Scarcity Acute in Spots

Washington.—Occupational shortages, especially in professional and skilled fields essential to advancement of the defense program, are now more widespread and troublesome than at any previous time since Korea.

Robert C. Goodwin, executive director Defense Manpower Administration, said the biggest unfilled demand for workers is for mechanical and electrical engineers and draftsmen; machinists; tool and die makers; machine tool operators; skilled aircraft assembly workers; and aircraft, auto, railroad and other types of mechanics and repairmen.

"The impact of defense production upon labor supply has been increasing steadily," Mr. Goodwin said. "The full impact of defense production manpower requirements is still ahead."

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Washington.—The AFL Workers Education Bureau lists more than 50 films—one for every weekly union meeting, and other occasions, too—in a new booklet, "Films for Labor."

Important new AFL labor films, such as the Garment Workers' "With These Hands," and the Retail Clerks' "A Watch for Joe," are included, with a brief description of their content, and information as to how they and others can be rented.

The new pamphlet lists suggested films for organizing, for building unionism, for strike action, for better union meetings, for union education and for understanding world problems.

AFL arrangements on film equipment discounts are explained, along with tips on planning film programs, and film discussion suggestions.

For copies of "Films for Labor" write to American Federation of Labor, 724 Ninth Street, N. W., Washington 1, D. C. Single copies 25 cents, with quantity discounts.

Former OPA Head Says There's No Evidence Inflation Has Aided Labor

The former head of OPA, Chester Bowles, says "there is no shred of evidence that labor generally has profited from inflation."

"Weekly take-home pay for workers in manufacturing, expressed in the purchasing power of 1951 dollars, has scarcely moved in the last six years," continues Bowles. "The real wages of government employees and office workers have gone down. Construction workers and retail workers alone over the six-year pull are slightly better off on the average..."

"When we look at corporation profits... certain facts stand out spectacularly... Corporation prof-

its are now running at a rate in excess of \$50 billion before taxes, and \$24 billion after taxes. This represents a corporation profit increase of close to 100 per cent since the peak war period, either before or after taxes."

"Manufacturing profits after taxes are now 17 per cent on investment, which is more than double the percentage of the boom year of 1929. And 50 per cent of all corporation dividends, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission, are concentrated among 61,000 people... This uneven economic picture has already resulted in considerable bitterness on the part of the general public."

STATE ISSUES 1950 REPORT ON UNIONISM

Two informative California publications were mailed to various AFL unions this week—"Union Labor in California, 1950," the annual report of the Dept. of Industrial Relations, and "California AFL Labor Publications," issued by the State Federation of Labor.

The first shows union membership in the state and gives selected provisions in California union agreements. The second lists all council-owned and council-endorsed labor papers, also papers issued by individual unions.

Reporting for the S. F. Bay Area, "Union Labor in California" shows that the largest proportion of union members (17 per cent) is in the construction industry. Trade is second, with 14 per cent. Transportation and warehousing is third, with 13 per cent. Nine per cent are in the restaurant and hotel industry.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, 15 per cent of the unions had more than 1000 members.

Bennett Lives Up To Advance Billing

Wallace Bennett (R., Utah), is living up to his advance billing as the National Association of Manufacturers' (NAM), senator. Bennett defeated Elbert Thomas (D.), in a smear campaign last fall. Bennett is a former president of the NAM.

After almost nothing in the Senate for almost six months, Bennett made his "maiden" speech June 27. He gladdened the hearts of Big Business when he took a firm stand against price controls.

The labor press is our only voice against big business, big govt.

That's Strange

In London, England, more than 200 boatmen of the Thames River taxi fleet pulled Britain's most unusual strike. Because of bad docking conditions, women who use the river-taxis have to slide into the boats "in such a way their skirts hike up around their panties." The boatmen said that made them blush and embarrassed them. On those grounds they demanded better dock facilities.

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BARTENDERS 483—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Wednesday, 8:30 p.m., 3rd Wednesday, 2:30 p.m. Pres., Robt. S. Harrington, 823 Kimball St., Seaside. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Royal E. Hallmark, Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6734.

BRICK MASONS 18—Meets 2nd and 4th Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Pres., F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, phone 5-6743; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, phone 5-3715; Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 78 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove; Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Office at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 5-6744. Office hours: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 1st Tuesday, Eagles Hall, New Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Winchester, Seaside; Rec. Sec., Vernon Roberts, 1280 Del Monte Ave., Monterey; Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead, Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1897 Ellen Ave., ph. CYPress 5-3849; San Jose Office at Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa St., ph. CYPress 2-0252.

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CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., H. R. Shreve, 406 Alvarado; Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, 864 Congress, P. G., phone 2-4314; Rec. Sec., Leo Thillgen, 12 Serrano Way, phone 2-0335; B. A., Tom Eide, office, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, phone 5-6726; home phone 2-3022.

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CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Nels Pederson, phone 2-5062; Sec. Treas., Andrew Butrica, 452 Hannon, phone 5-4055.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday, 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m. Pres., I. W. Abraham, 138 19th, P. G., phone 5-4536; Fin. Sec., M. N. Irwin, ph. 2-0493; Sec. Sec., V. Perez, phone 2-0517; B.A., LeRoy Hasty, Forest and Morse Sts., P. G., phone 5-4632.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Parajo, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec. Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Filch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYPress 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone Underhill 1-1135.

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FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Sec. and Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 2-3713. Office and hall at 231 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 315 Alvarado St., 8 p.m. Pres., Fred Vredenburg, Bx. 344, Seaside, ph. 5-5065. Secy. and Bus. Agent, S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142, phone 2-0215. Office at 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 512, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. and B. A., Ronald Hodges, Wilson, Salinas, ph. 22906.

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PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and B.A., Fred E. Ask, 230 Montecito, phone 5-5864; office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 315 Alvarado St. Pres., S. Bruno, 150 John St.; Sec., Jose D. Mondragon, 272 Paine St., phone 5-6670; Bus. Rep., S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142, Office, 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Pres., Gerald L. Walton, 334 Maple Ave., phone 2-6719; Rec. Sec., Paul P. Hasdovac, P. O. Box 11, Carmel; Fin. Sec. and B.A., 308 19th, P. G., phone 2-2611.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets 1st Thursday of month, Rm. 6, P.O. Bldg., 8:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty, 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 2-5213; Sec. and B.A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Rey, phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Geo. Sekols, 701 Ocean View, Pacific Grove; Sec. and B.A., Fred O. Davis, 240 Plateau Ave., S. Cruz, phone 4330-R.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Castroville and Watsonville. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kaibai, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opler, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 5-6744.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call, Pres., Don Thompson, 416 Park, Salinas; V. Pres., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson, Monterey; Sec., Fred Clayton, 70 Robley Rd., Salinas, ph. 3045.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Shedo Russo, 457 Clay St., Monterey, ph. 2-4472; Rec. Sec., A. H. Finley, ph. Salinas 2-2261; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, Bx. 584, Watsonville, ph. 4-5610; Bus. Agt., Ray A. Beck, 513 McKenzie St., Watsonville, ph. 4-6127.

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Most Landlords Given Hikes of 17.6 Percent

Washington.—Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods reported that 86.6 per cent of the petitions for rent increases filed by landlords during fiscal 1951 were granted.

The average percentage increase approved was 17.6.

Rents were decontrolled in 330 areas, involving 1,325,140 units and a population of 7,963,650.

The new Defense Production Act permits increases in rents up to 20 per cent above the 1947 level.

Out of 1,098,967 petitions processed by local rent offices across the nation, 962,980 were granted, increasing rents on 1,388,288 residential units, an average of \$6.25 per month.

The sum of \$2,799,316 was refunded to tenants and \$155,123 was paid to the U. S. Treasurer in 25,219 compliance cases during the same period. Also, 19,630 reduced service violations were remedied along with 61,233 other miscellaneous violations.

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Washington.—At a glance, here are the main provisions of the new Defense Production Act as passed by House and Senate with differences still to be reconciled before the July 31 deadline:

WAGES

Both House and Senate voted to keep present tight freeze and tripartite Wage Stabilization Board.

RENTS

Both House and Senate voted to permit 20 per cent rent increases

S.F. Musicians Give \$36,669 Free Music

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco Musicians' Union, Local 6, has already contributed \$36,699 in free music to deserving organizations during 1951, according to Charles W. "Pop" Kennedy, president of the AFL organization.

Veterans' hospitals, orphanages sponsored by all religious denominations, and general charitable bodies have benefited from application of the union's Transcription Fund established in 1947.

Officially termed the "Musical Performance Trust Fund," the musicians' own community chest is comprised of monies contributed by manufacturers of recordings prepared by the AFL players. Contributions are made on the basis of records sold and allotments given to affiliated locals of the American Federation of Musicians according to membership size.

The local union pays its participating members for charity shows from the "Transcription Fund."

A breakdown of the \$36,699 paid out thus far in 1951 reveals the following typical beneficiary groups: Six U. S. veterans' hospitals in the San Francisco Bay area; Protestant, Catholic and Jewish orphanages; blind societies, and teen-age centers sponsored on a non-profit plan.

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The rise in corporate profits, after taxes, during the Korean war was reported July 5 by the Federal Trade and the Securities and Exchange Commissions.

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